


- (c) passing the reheated preform through an equilibrium zone sufficient to allow heat to be dispersed throughout the preform wall;
- (d) stretching the perform by axially stressing the perform; and
- (e) thereafter orienting the stretched preform radially by the injection of high pressure air into the interior of said perform.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein said perform is reheated to a temperature that is at least 10° C lower than the fusion temperature of the propylene polymer forming the perform.

#### REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered prior to examination of this application.

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